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In the Specification:

Amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

This application is a continuation in part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/648,408 entitled "Method and Apparatus for an Electronic Marketplace for Services Having a Collaborative Workspace" of Sheth and Anumolu, filed August 24, 2000, the entirety of which is herein incorporated by reference, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/150,611, "Method and Apparatus for an Electronic Marketplace for Services Having a Collaborative Workspace," by Sheth and Anumolu, filed August 24, 1999, the entirety of which is herein incorporated by reference.

In the Claims:

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A computer implemented method for procuring services, comprising:

establishing a private marketplace with access restricted to a predetermined set of buyers and a pre-identified set of vendors;

facilitating a buyer's inviting bids on a project from a subset of the vendors;

receiving at least one bid on the project from at least one of the subset of vendors;

facilitating the buyer's acceptance of [accepting] one of the bids; and

facilitating work [working] on the project [with the vendor] by the vendor and the buyer in a collaborative workspace.

4. (Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the establishing of the private marketplace further comprises restricting the access of the buyers and vendors [users] to one or more projects within the private marketplace.

8. (Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 7, wherein monitoring the private marketplace further comprises generation of [receiving] requested reports.

9. (Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 7, wherein monitoring the private marketplace further comprises generation of [receiving] planning reports.

10. (Amended) The computer implemented method of claim 7, wherein monitoring the private marketplace further comprises generation of [receiving] performance measurement reports.

11. (Amended) A computer program product for procuring services, the computer program product comprising:

program code for establishing a private marketplace with access restricted to a predetermined set of buyers and a pre-identified set of vendors;

program code for facilitating a buyer's inviting bids on a project from a subset of the vendors;

program code for receiving at least one bid on the project from at least one of the subset of vendors;

program code for facilitating the buyer's acceptance of [accepting] one of the bids; and

program code for facilitating work [working] on the project [with the vendor] by the vendor and the buyer in a collaborative workspace.

14. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the program code for establishing of the private marketplace further comprises program code for restricting the access of the buyers and vendors [users] to one or more projects within the private marketplace.

18. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the program code for monitoring the private marketplace further comprises program code for <u>generating</u> [receiving] requested reports.

19. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the program code for monitoring the private marketplace further comprises program code for <u>generating</u> [receiving] planning reports.

20. (Amended) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the program code for monitoring the private marketplace further comprises program code for <u>generating</u> [receiving] performance measurement reports.

28. (Amended) The system of claim 27, wherein the monitoring of the private marketplace further comprises <u>generating</u> [receiving] requested reports.

29. (Amended) The system of claim 27, wherein the monitoring of the private marketplace further comprises <u>generating</u> [receiving] planning reports.

30. (Amended) The system of claim 27, wherein the monitoring of the private marketplace further comprises <u>generating</u> [receiving] performance measurement reports.